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(c) & (d) A petition for the organization of a co-operative society was received by the Deputy Registrar on 10th February 1931; a reference was made to the hon. Member in the matter on 22nd March 1931, and the papers were finally lodged on 18th September 1931. The Government have no further information.

Co-operative Credit Society for the Konganapuram mitta, Salem district.

* 254 *Q*.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether representations have been received from the villagers of Konganapuram mitta in Tiruchengodu taluk of Salem district in 1931 to start a co-operative credit society in their place; and

(b) if so, in what way the matter has been disposed of?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the answer to clauses (c) and (d) of question No. 253.

Education

Appointment of an Adi-Dravida to the Cuddapah District Educational Council.

* 255 *Q*.—Mr. C. Basu Dev: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government recently, in or about the month of May 1933, nominated an Adi-Dravida Member to the District Educational Council, Cuddapah;

(b) if so, what he is and what his educational qualifications are;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said Member is an illiterate man and that he does not even know to sign his name;

(d) whether some Members of the Legislative Council including Mr. N. Siva Raj, represented this fact of his illiteracy to the hon. Minister before the nomination was made;

(e) whether literacy is not a qualification for nomination to a District Educational Council;

(f) whether the District Educational Officer, Cuddapah, was consulted in the matter of this nomination and, if so, what his recommendation was; and

(g) if the answers to clauses (c) or (d) and (e) are in the affirmative, what the reasons were for which the Government nominated this particular Member?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) & (c) He is a member of the District Secondary Education Board and is reported to be fully literate in Telugu with some knowledge of English.

(*d*) It is not considered to be in the public interest that representations made in confidence should be disclosed.

(*e*) There is no such qualification prescribed but it is undoubtedly desirable for members of a District Educational Council to be literate.

(*f*) The appointment was made on the recommendation of the District Educational Officer.

(*g*) Does not arise.

Civil suit before the District Munsif, Conjeeveram, for the revaluation of the answer papers of the S.S.L.C. Public Examination.

* 256 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) by whom the Board in charge of the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate examination was constituted;

(*b*) what the functions of the said Board are;

(*c*) whether any rules exist for the revaluation of answer papers on payment of prescribed fees by the aggrieved candidates;

(*d*) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to a civil suit filed by Mr. C. S. Sitarama Ayyar against the Commissioner for Government Examinations and decided by the District Munsif's Court, Conjeeveram, and the allegations therein; and

(*e*) whether the Government or the Director of Public Instruction make any enquiries regarding alleged mistakes in the entry of marks of candidates, who appear for S.S.L.C. Public Examination?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is referred to the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate scheme published on pages 410–412 of Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 20th August 1929.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) That this suit has been filed and since dismissed is within the knowledge of the Government.

(*e*) The hon. Member does not refer to any particular case. It is not possible to give an answer to cover all cases which may have arisen or may arise.

Reorganization of the system of Medical Inspection of Schools.

* 257 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state whether the Government have come to any final conclusion regarding the question of reorganizing the system of medical inspection in schools?

A.—The question is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I know how long has this matter been under the consideration of the Government? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar:—" About a year."